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Kazuaki SAKURADA : Patent Art Unit: 1762

Serial No.: 10/796,276 : Examiner James Lin

Filed: March 10, 2004

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR :

FABRICATING FUNCTIONAL FILM

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Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the references listed on the attached PTO-1449-Form to the Examiner's attention and requests that they be considered and made of record in this application. *A copy of the non-U.S. patent is* attached.

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Taiwanese Patent No. 519577 appears to disclose a color filter manufacturing apparatus. This reference was cited in an office action issued by Taiwanese Patent Office in the counterpart Taiwanese application of the present application. An English Abstract is attached for the Examiner's convenience. Moreover, U.S. Patent No. 6,645,029 is believed to be an English language counterpart of the Taiwanese Patent No. 519577, and is cited in lieu of a translation because the U.S. counterpart is believed to overlap sufficiently to understand the relevancy of the Taiwanese Patent No. 519577.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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